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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *10 July 2008*.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *7* is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) *7* is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This Office action is responsive to communication filed on 07/10/08. Claim 7 is

pending, and has been examined below. Any rejection or objection not repeated below

has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2.   Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub.

No. 2001/0025315 ("Jolitz"), and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,570,884 ("Connery"),

and U.S. Pat. No. 6,094,712 ("Follett").

3.   Jolitz teaches a method comprising:

detecting an application packet header using a packet classifier within a network

adapter ('Upon receiving an incoming packet, the header is decoded...', para. [0077]),

the application header belonging to a packet in a data stream associated with the

application (para. [0082]);

identifying offsets included within the application header ('determine the location

of the source and destination addresses and ports', para. [0077]);

loading a plurality of registers with the identified offsets ('may be held in an ADE register', para. [0077]);

initiating direct data placement of data associated with the application packet header when a result of comparing a set of values corresponding to a direct data placement pattern with contents of the loaded registers matches one of at least one of a plurality of direct data placement pattern available for comparison ('compares a number of fields of the IP header with expected values stored in a plurality of registers', para. [0076]), each direct data placement pattern being associated with an application packet header ('determine to which session an incoming IP datagram belongs', para. [0075]), and wherein initiating direct data placement comprises:

comparing each of a plurality of direct placement patterns with contents of the loaded registers ('comparing of session fields of the packet obtained from the prototype register and variable fields...', para. [0077]; also para. [0050]);

extracting information corresponding to the detected application header ('Data from the segment is read into the dual transport application memory', para. [0081]); and

mapping a payload of the detected application header to a memory based on the direct data placement pattern ('delivers the TCP payload directly to the memory 24', para. [0044]; also para. [0080])

Jolitz fails to teach that the memory is a predetermined region of memory reserved for the application. Follett teaches mapping virtual addresses of applications to corresponding physical addresses, and locking the physical addresses to prevent

inadvertent overwrite (Col. 4, lines 41-63). When data is received, the header is parsed,

and the data is transferred to the specific physical memory locations that are mapped to

the application virtual addresses (Col. 6, lines 18-33). It would have been obvious to

one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to map a payload

directly to a predetermined region of memory reserved for an application as taught by

Follett in order to efficiently achieve protocol acceleration without intervention of the

host operating system.

Jolitz-Follett fails to teach performing the comparison by masking the header

offsets stored in the registers with a direct data placement pattern. However, Connery

teaches pattern matching engines capable of masking a pattern with header fields

stored in registers (Col. 7, lines 35-51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary

skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to mask a pattern with header fields

stored in registers in order to specify which bytes in each packet should be examined

for a match.

Response to Arguments

4.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 7 have been considered but are moot

in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5.   Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in

this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JULIAN CHANG whose telephone number is (571)272-8631. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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